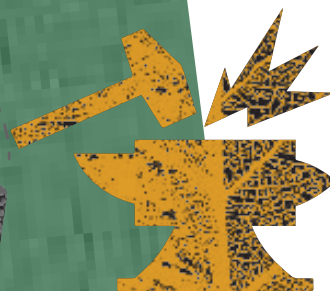
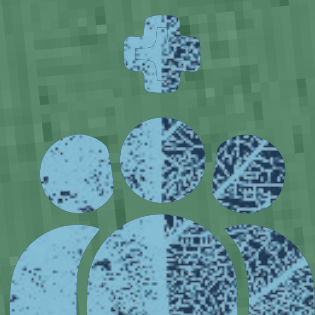


# Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies

A SNAPSHOT / 2024





# Rohini Nilekani

CHAIRPERSON, RNPf

## ROHINI'S LEGACY

Giving since 1992



## PHILOSOPHY

“  
**SAMAAJ**  
IS  
FOUNDATIONAL

## ORGANISATIONS FOUNDED/CO-FOUNDED

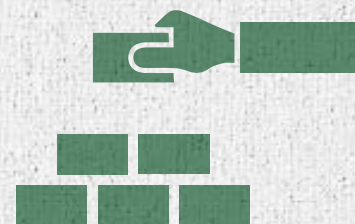
Nagarik

Pratham Books

Arghyam

EkStep Foundation

Center for Exponential  
Change



## OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS

Author of 17  
children's books  
& 3 published  
books

Most Generous  
Women in India  
since 2022  
*Hurun India*







# Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies

A Charitable Foundation registered under Sec 8 of the Companies Act 2023, RNPF is a grantmaking organisation seeking to create and strengthen communities for their own betterment.

RNPF does this by supporting ground-breaking work anchored in networks and movements and often sit at the intersection of Samaaj, Sarkaar, and Bazaar.



## GRANTMAKING FIGURES

FY 2023 - 2024

### ROHINI NILEKANI

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTEEES

51



VALUE OF GRANTS

~65  
CRORES



### ROHINI NILEKANI PHILANTHROPIES

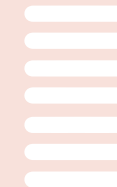
TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTEEES

118



VALUE OF GRANTS

~81  
CRORES



# RNPF BOARD

**Rohini Nilekani**  
Chairperson



**Nihar Nilekani**  
Board Member



## RNPF TEAM



**Abhishek Das**  
Portfolio Lead



**Gautam John**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Mable Roy**  
Executive Assistant  
& Office Manager



**Natasha Joshi**  
Associate Director -  
Portfolio



**Sahana Jose**  
Associate Director -  
Communications



**Shruti Sundaresan**  
Lead - Comms &  
Community Engagement



**Srinidhi K**  
Finance Lead



**Suresh Ponnappa**  
Chief Financial  
Officer



**Tanya Kak**  
Portfolio Lead  
- Climate & Environment

# VALUES



**Trust**



**Curiosity**



**Empathy**



**Openness**



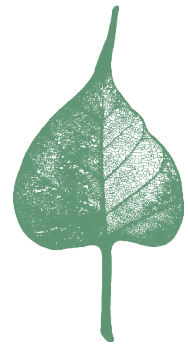
**Embracing  
Failure**



**Humble,  
not Modest**







# Key Portfolios



**ACTIVE  
CITIZENSHIP**



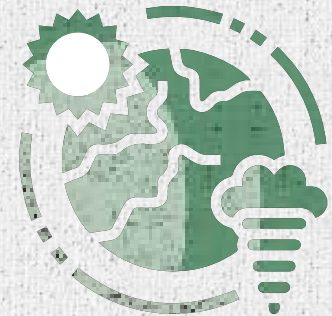
**ACCESS TO  
JUSTICE**



**LAAYAK**  
*Young Men &  
Boys/Gender*



**MENTAL  
HEALTH**



**CLIMATE &  
ENVIRONMENT**

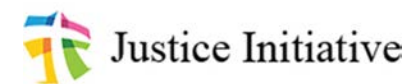
# ACCESS TO JUSTICE



## Justice Within Reach

Integrates enhancing System and Structure of Law, Citizen and Community Engagement and Data and Information as a Bridge to connect citizens with the justice system. This approach aims to catalyze comprehensive legal reform by simultaneously enhancing the legal framework, empowering communities, and deploying data for informed governance.

ORGANISATIONS  
SUPPORTED



# ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



ORGANISATIONS  
SUPPORTED



हक्कदर्शक  
Haqdarshak

Civis





# CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT



## Conservation, Adaptation, & Co-creation

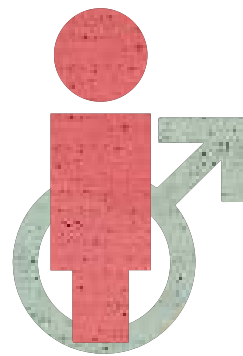
Prioritises ecological sustainability, climate change adaptation and community resilience. Supporting organisations working on climate and environment, the foundation focuses on conserving biodiversity, empowering communities to develop sustainable models for environmental challenges and adapt to increasing risks of the climate crisis to ensure the well-being of both the people and the planet.

ORGANISATIONS  
SUPPORTED



# LAAYAK

*YOUNG MEN & BOYS/GENDER*



## Gender Equity

Boys and men constitute half the population. How they are socialised, and how they operate affects women and other genders, especially when it comes to gender equity. We engage CSOs that build critical pathways to gender equity by investing in programs that accelerate meaningful engagements with men & boys.

ORGANISATIONS  
SUPPORTED



# MENTAL HEALTH



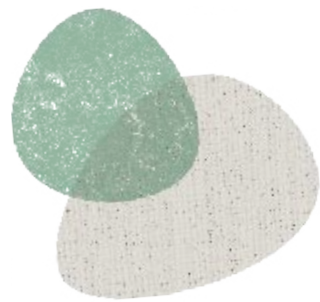
## Transformative Change

Work in this area supports organisations facilitating research to advance the human understanding of severe mental health conditions. Additionally, in order to expand the number of people receiving mental health care, small grants are made to organisations providing direct therapy and relief.

ORGANISATIONS  
SUPPORTED







## INDIA CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

The flexible nature of the RNP grant, which does not tie the funding towards specific themes or climate sub-sectors, has made it possible for us to support smaller projects and deploy small sums of money for systemic work such as scoping exercises, seed grants and coalition building. The RNP support contributes to achieving the ICC's overall mission and has enabled us to leverage other domestic funding towards high-impact climate projects.



# From our Partners

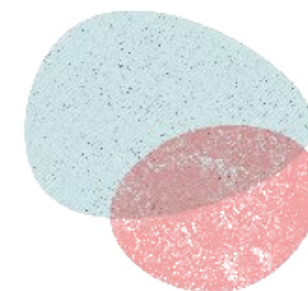


## ZENITH SOCIETY FOR SOCIO- LEGAL EMPOWERMENT

The grant has not just given us the resources but also the credibility of the program and the organisation as a sincere and reliable initiative. Another enabler is the grant type, which is an unrestricted grant, and it shows that RNP believes in our work and trusts us with their money. This has not only given us the freedom to try innovative strategies but given us the space to work in a healthy space without any undue pressures.

## AGAMI VAYAM FORUM FOR CITIZENSHIP

The flexibility, trust and support have been critical for us because our work has a strong emergent quality to it as opposed to prescribed pathways and pre-planned outcomes. Having RNP align with us on our work on community building, 'whole' leader development, and extensive storytelling has given us the confidence to do what we think can work over the medium to long term. That's been really key.



# OTHER AREAS OF WORK



Arts &  
Culture



Ecosystem  
Building



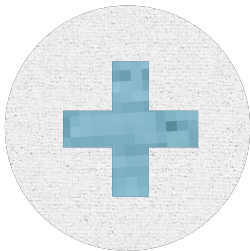
STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPY  
GRASSROOTS SUPPORT  
UNCOMMON GROUND  
CAPACITY BUILDING



Public  
Health



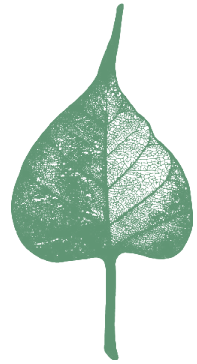
Think  
Tanks



ALSO



EDUCATION  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT



# Beyond Grants



**COLLABORATIVE  
PHILANTHROPY**



**RESEARCH**



**CONVENINGS**



**CONTENT**



**STRENGTHENING  
THE SECTOR**





# COLLABORATIVE PHILANTHROPY



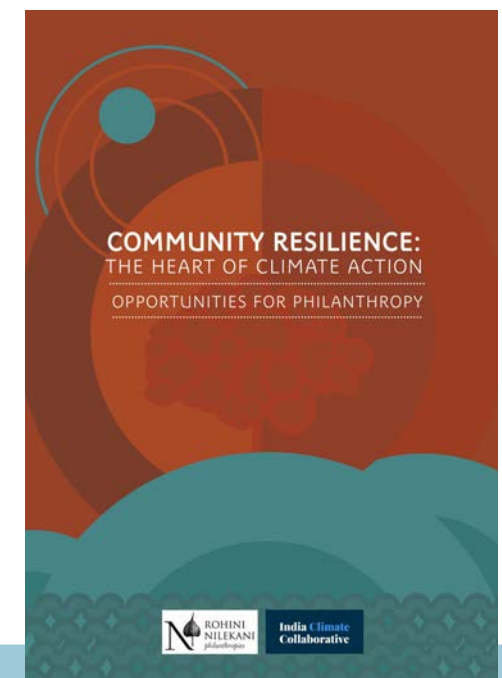
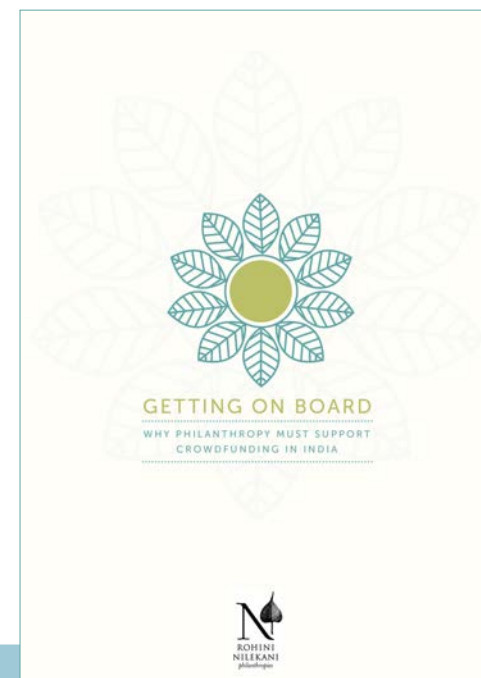
## A Force Multiplier



# RESEARCH



## Knowledge as a Powerful Tool



# CONVENINGS



## The Power of Coming Together



Gender Gathering 2022



All Partners Gathering 2023



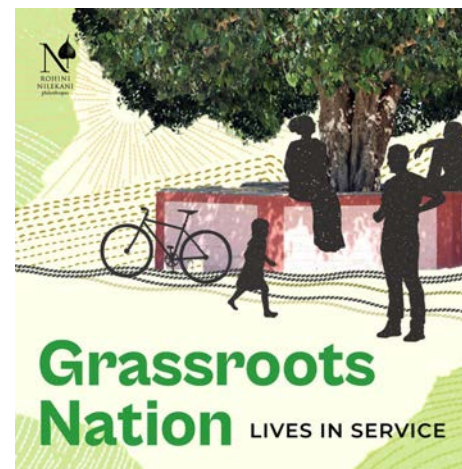
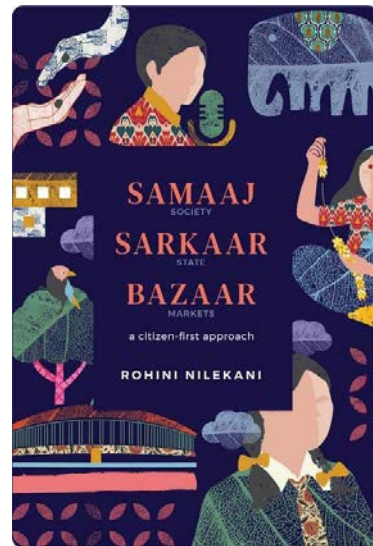
Active Citizenship Gathering 2024



# CONTENT



## Building Bridges



# STRENGTHENING THE SECTOR



5

**Expert-led  
Learning Sessions**

4

**Capacity Building  
Grants**

3

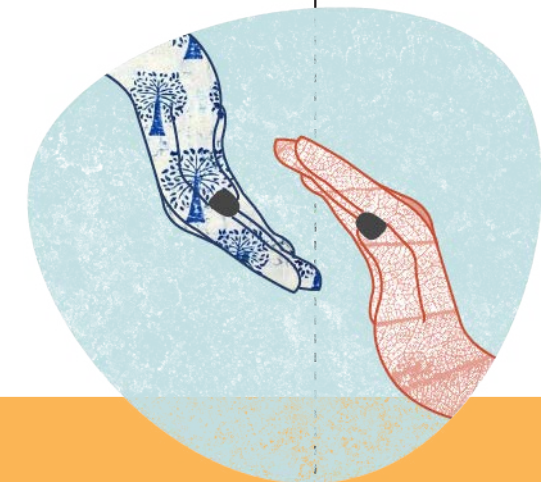
**Storytelling  
Grants**

2

**Collaboration  
Grants**

1

**Unrestricted  
Grants**



# Impact Stories



## WELL LABS

Developed a wastewater reuse model for Bengaluru, advocating for recycled water usage in landscape irrigation and construction released in April 2024. The policy, approved by the cabinet and included in the budget session, potentially saved up to 15% of Bengaluru's water during the driest months.



## PAAR

The Chief Justice of India has formed a committee to explore the expansion of open prisons, and the J&K High Court has requested PAAR's assistance in conducting the conference and passing relevant orders.



## CIVIS

Civis Gathered 1,992 responses on the Draft Rajasthan Guaranteed Delivery of Public Services and Accountability Bill, 2022, and collaborated with SEBI on multiple consultations, with 72% of citizen feedback incorporated into a final regulation.





# Impact Stories



## HAIYYA

Their Youth for Climate Action program trained 15 youth-led climate action projects across India. One group mobilized 8000 fisher-folk to demand their rights, while another got the Kolkata Mayor to announce a Climate Action Plan for the city.

## SEARCH

In Wadsa, their women-led organization mobilized 200+ women to successfully demand action against illegal liquor stockists and dealers, with the administration taking legal action to clamp down on sales. Conducted an awareness generation program on alcohol and tobacco in 393 government schools, engaging 30,000+ students and 1200+ teachers across the Gadchiroli district.



## CENTRE FOR WILDLIFE STUDIES

Published four international peer-reviewed scientific articles. Their Wild Seve program has filed 22,589 claims for communities around Bandipur and Nagarhole wildlife reserves since 2015, facilitating ~INR 5.9 crores in compensation. Wild Shaale reached 9,768 children across 226 schools.



## SOCRATUS FOUND

Co-hosted the inaugural Food Systems Dialogue with Bharat Krishak Samaj, a multi-stakeholder forum on sustainable food systems. Two keywords emerged - 'Systems' and 'Local'. Hosted 4 successful citizen juries on topics like waste management, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, air pollution and health, demonstrating effective public deliberation.

# Impact Stories



## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

Supported community-led efforts to secure forest rights of Van Gujjars in Uttarakhand and Gaumukh Parishad in Maharashtra, to strengthen local stewardship of forests and wildlife.



## IDIA

16 IDIA Scholars from low-income backgrounds secured prestigious jobs at top law firms and corporate houses, while one was successful in the Rajasthan Judicial Services Exam - inspiring stories of legal education enabling socio-economic mobility.

# Impact Stories



## INDUS ACTION

Supported 18,700 students from low-income families to access seats in private schools under the RTE Act in Odisha through online application support and liaising with district education officials.



## WWF-INDIA

Supported the declaration of community forest resource rights of 50,000+ hectares claimed by 7 tribal villages within the Anamalai Tiger Reserve - a historic first in Tamil Nadu.

## ZENITH SOCIETY FOR SOCIO-LEGAL EMPOWERMENT

Facilitated access to entitlements worth INR 2 crores for 1900+ informal workers through their para-legal aid center 'Samudhayik Adhikar Kendra' in Madhya Pradesh.



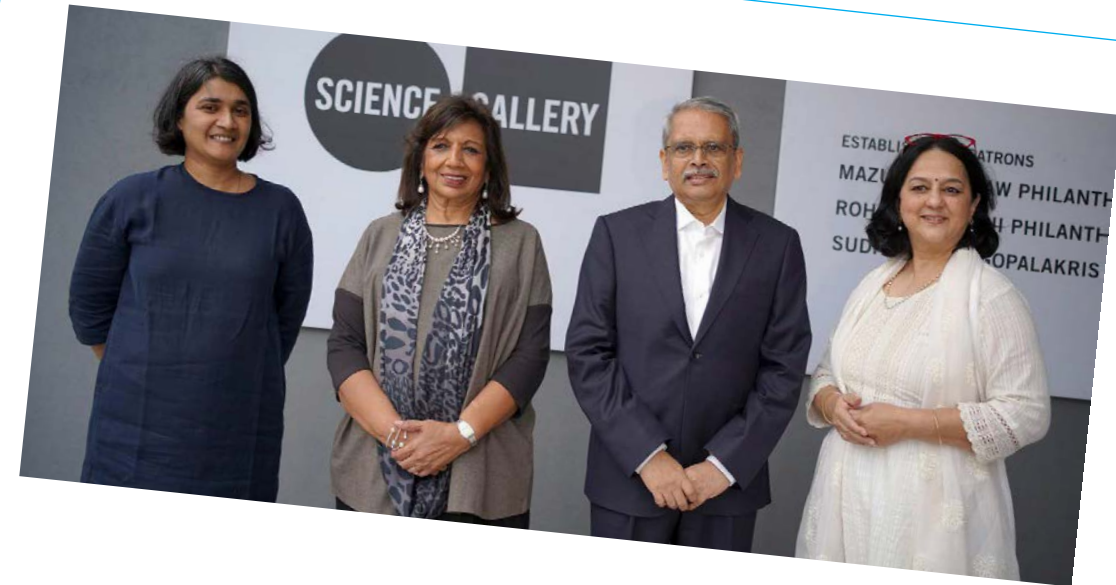


# HIGHLIGHTS

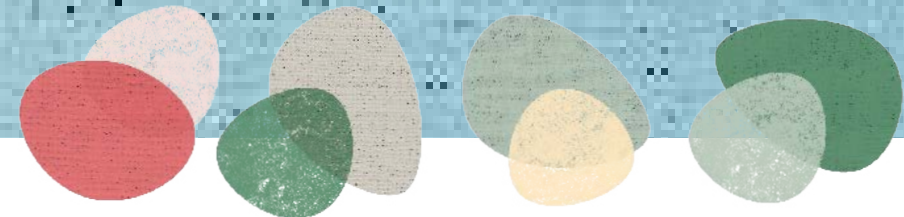
## FROM 2023

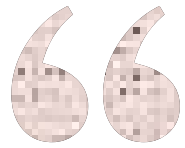


**Launch of The Rohini Nilekani Center for Brain & Mind at NCBS, Bengaluru**



**Launch of Science Gallery Bengaluru**





This decade, 2030, is one of the most critical decades I can think of in human history.

We must think much bigger, much bolder, and do much more. That space is just waiting to be taken up by bold philanthropy.

But first, you have to open the doors of your heart and then open the doors of your pockets.

Rohini Nilekani

